

Outdoor Report

The week of February 2nd, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

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- Caution is still needed due to the deteriorating ice, especially around ice heaves.
 - Northern pike spearing by properly licensed anglers is now allowed on all SD/MN border water lakes. See 2015 fishing handbook for details.
 - CSP Spring Turkey and Prairie Spring Turkey applications are due February 13th, 2015.
 - Lake Francis Case Paddlefish (snagging) application deadline is February 13th, 2015.
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Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching a few small walleye and the occasional bluegill. The ice conditions have improved, but there are still some weak ice areas by the west and north bridges. Anglers who have been fishing by the Youth Camp have had the best success.

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching northern pike, perch, crappie and walleye. The fishing has been inconsistent. Most of the walleye being caught are less than 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. Most fishermen have been fishing the south end of the lake.

James River: The fishing has been slow. Fishermen need to be careful as the ice is very weak in some areas. Some anglers have been fishing on the state line bridge and by Sand Lake.

Elm River: No fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: There are good numbers of coyotes in Brown County. Coyote hunting is a good way to pass the winter months, especially since all other hunting seasons have closed.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few perch, walleye and northern pike. Fishermen are marking fish, but the bite has been pretty slow.

Dry Lake #1: The perch and walleye bite has slowed down, but fishermen are still catching a few fish. Fishermen should use caution as a vehicle fell through the ice this past weekend.

Swan Lake: Little activity.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Antelope Lake: Little activity.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few perch and small walleye.

Dekkers Slough: Fishermen are catching a few perch and the occasional walleye.

Casey's Slough: Fishermen are catching walleye. The walleye are on the smaller side with a few nicer fish being caught.

Pepper Slough: Fishermen are catching perch and a few walleye. The bite remains slow.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few perch and the occasional walleye.

Carson's Slough: Little activity.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye, perch and the occasional northern pike. Fishermen are marking fish, but the bite has been pretty slow.

Helgeson Slough: Little activity.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: There hasn't been a lot of activity on Pelican this week. Anglers are reporting a few walleye and northern.

Lake Kampeska: Fishing has been pretty good on the north end of the lake by City Park. Fishermen are reporting a good catch in the evenings on perch and crappie.

Dry Lake: Anglers have had decent luck catching walleye on the road beds at night.

Goose Lake: Very slow activity this week with the occasional walleye or perch being caught.

Long Lake: No angler reports.

Blythe Slough: Anglers reporting some perch, but the bite has been pretty slow.

Grass Lake: No angler reports.

3rd Ave Pond: Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

Horseshoe: There are a few anglers trying their luck and picking up a few perch. The bite is slow.

Stink: A few small perch are being caught.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Anglers traveling on the ice need to use extreme caution when traveling near ice heaves, open water and near springs. Anglers are strongly urged to avoid these areas altogether.

Bitter: Fishing pressure has slowed. Anglers are catching a few nice perch and some small walleyes.

Waubay: Anglers had a successful weekend catching perch. Most anglers are fishing along the kanago boat ramp.

Reetz: Anglers are catching a few nice perch, crappie and the occasional bass.

Lynn: Anglers are catching some nice walleyes in the overnight hours.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are still catching some nice bluegill with the occasional keeper walleye.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Fishing has been average at times. Most anglers continue to fish the east side of the lake. Most of the perch that are being caught tend to be on the smaller side. The best walleye bite has been the early morning hours and late evening hours. There has been a good amount of northern pike spearing activity on the lake. Use caution when bouncing around on the lake as there may be large spear holes and ice chunks scattered about.

Lake Cochrane: Anglers are catching a few crappies, primarily in the 11-12 inch range. Most anglers targeting the crappies are fishing the deep water in the evenings. A fair amount of bluegill and small perch are being caught as well.

Lake Oliver: A few anglers are picking up some smaller perch and the occasional walleye.

Lake Francis: A few anglers are catching some perch, but overall, the bite has been slow.

Lake Ketchum: A few perch are being caught.

Clear Lake: No activity.

Fish Lake: A few anglers are catching and/or spearing some pike.

School: Anglers are catching some northern pike in the shallow water.

Round: No activity.

Bullhead: Fishing has been slow.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: Fishing activity is slow.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: The perch bite has been a little slow lately. Anglers are still finding a few perch, but the best bite has been the first hour of sunrise and the last hour before sunset. Most of the perch fishermen are fishing the central to south central portion of the lake. A few anglers have been fishing the far north end of the lake for walleye. The walleye bite has been average at times. **Continue to use caution when driving on the entire lake!!**

Summit Lake: No activity.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Starting to see some angler pressure on Poinsett the last week. Most people are fishing the southern part of the lake near the state park. Reports have been spotty with some anglers catching nice perch. The walleye bite has been minimal. There have also been reports of some nice small mouth being caught.

Reminder: **There is a 15" minimum length on walleye**

Fedt Slough: Pretty active bite on small perch.

Three Buck: The perch bite has dropped off and angler pressure is way down.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Another slow week on Clear with no fish being reported.

Lake Norden: No fishing activity.

Lake Albert: Anglers have reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Piyas: Not a lot of angler activity, but fishing is decent.

Roy: Slow. A few northern pike and small perch are being caught.

Clear: No activity.

White: Slow. A few crappies are being caught in the evenings.

Stink: No activity.

North and South Buffalo Lake: Decent walleye and northern bite in the morning and evening.

Clubhouse Slough: Some perch are still being caught, but the bite has slowed significantly.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing has slowed down with very little activity.

Mina Lake: Anglers are picking up a few perch and bluegill. Fishing is slow, but anglers are getting a few bites. Evenings are the best time.

Eureka Lake: Anglers are catching a few perch. Fishing is slow, but anglers fishing all day will end up with a few perch.



Hunting Report:

Coyotes: Hunters looking for coyotes will find plenty in this area. Most landowners will allow access to hunt coyotes.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Anglers are finding an occasional walleye and perch. A few white bass are also being caught. Most activity is on the north end of the lake. **Be careful of ice heaves, open water and other bad stops.**

Dry Wood Lake: Anglers are finding a few walleye and perch. The bite is very inconsistent and at early morning and late evening.



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Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: Anglers are catching small walleyes in the early morning and right after sunset. Most of the walleyes being caught are less than 15 inches. A vehicle fell through the ice between island and point on the north end of the lake. Avoid that area, as the water was open last week.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity observed.

Cottonwood Lake: Anglers are catching a few decent sized pike throughout the day. The walleye success has been minimal.

Redfield Lake: Anglers are catching a few nice walleyes. The best bite has been shortly after dark.